representations, the Port Trust has taken the following measures:

(i) The Port Trust has directed the Management of the New Mangalore Port Trust School to strictly follow the reservation orders in the appointments to various posts in the School run by it. Earlier reservation policy was not followed as the School was managed by a Private Organisation.

(ii) The Port Administration has directed the New Mangalore Port Employees Cooperative Credit Society to strictly adhere to the reservation policy in the matter of recruitment of regular staff/part-time employees in the Society.

(iii) The Port Trust has amended the Regulations and added a separate provision under Regulation 7 of the Recruitment Regulations providing that experience and qualifications can be relaxed by the Chairman in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes communities at any stage in the selection of posts.

(iv) Regarding other complaints on specific issues, the position has been clarified to the SC/ST Employees Welfare Association.

The Chairman, New Mangalore Port Trust has further been instructed by the Ministry to ensure strict observance of reservation orders issued by the Government from time to time in order to instil confidence among the employees belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Upgrading of ITDC Hotels

1455. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Tourism Development Corporation has chalked out an ambitious programme to upgrade its chain of hotels, so as to increase their operational efficiency; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) ITDC's Annual Plan 1989-90 includes a provision of Rs. 884.00 lakhs for additions/alterations/improvement/renovations of existing hotels. Besides, a provision of Rs. 330.00 lakhs has also been made for the following expansion schemes:

(1) Expansion of Kovalam Beach Resort
(2) Expansion of Travellers Lodge at Manali
(3) Expansion of Hotel Jaipur Ashok
(4) Expansion of Hotel Agra Ashok, Agra

The various steps taken by the ITDC for boosting efficiency include:

(i) organising in-house training programmes for up-dating the skills of staff;
(ii) greater attention to customer satisfaction;
(iii) major renovation programme for improving the product;
(iv) develop business strategies for individual hotels viz-a-viz budget targets;
(v) streamlining the present operational systems and procedures in conformity with control and monitoring performance; and
(vi) raising occupancy through domestic and overseas marketing inputs.

Submission of Educational Plans by States and Union Territories

1456. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that twenty-seven States and three Union Territories have submitted plans for ensuring elementary education, as prescribed by the New Education Policy;

(b) if so, what is the number of those which have been considered by Government;

(c) by when the final decision is likely to be taken; and

(d) what would be the total amount involved and to what extent central assistance would be provided for starting as well as upgrading the schools in those States and Union Territories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) To implement the National Policy on Education, 1986, 3 new centrally sponsored schemes, namely, Operation Blackboard, Non-Formal Education (Revised Pattern) and Scheme of Establishment of District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) were launched in 1987-88. The Statement annexed indicates the latest position of clearance of proposals received from States/UTs by State Level Empowered Committees. (*see* below). All proposals which are in accordance with the provisions of the schemes are cleared without delay.

(d) The amounts involved in the Projects described in the Annex. are as follows:

(Rupees in crores)

Operation Blackboard	Non-Formal Education	Teacher Education
214.27	63.16	42.60

Statement

(i) Scheme of Operation Blackboard

States in Respect of Which Project Proposals For 1987-88 And/Or 1988-89 Have Been Cleared As on Date.

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs
1.	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Assam
3.	Arunachal Pradesh
4.	Bihar
5.	Daman & Diu.
6.	Delhi
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli
8.	Goa
9.	Gujarat
10.	Haryana
11.	Himachal Pradesh
12.	Jammu & Kashmir
13.	Karnataka
14.	Kerala
15.	Lakshadweep
16.	Madhya Pradesh
17.	Maharashtra
18.	Manipur
19.	Meghalaya
20.	Mizoram
21.	Nagaland
22.	Orissa
23.	Punjab
24.	Rajasthan
25.	Sikkim
26.	Tamil Nadu
27.	Tripura
28.	Uttar Pradesh
29.	West Bengal

(ii) Scheme Of Non-Formal Education

States in Respect of Which Project Proposals For 1987-88 And/Or 1988-89 Have Been Cleared As on Date.

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs
1.	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Assam
3.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
4.	Bihar
5.	Chandigarh
6.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli
7.	Haryana
8.	Jammu & Kashmir
9.	Karnataka
10.	Madhya Pradesh
11.	Manipur
12.	Mizoram
13.	Orissa
14.	Rajasthan
15.	Tamil Nadu
16.	Uttar Pradesh
17.	West Bengal

(iii) *Setting Of District Institutes Of Education And Training*

States in Respect of Which Project Proposals For 1987-88 And/Or 1988-89 Have Been Cleared As on Date.

Sl.No.	Name of States/UTs
1.	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Arunachal Pradesh
3.	Assam
4.	Delhi
5.	Gujarat
6.	Goa
7.	Haryana
8.	Himachal Pradesh
9.	Jammu & Kashmir
10.	Kerala
11.	Madhya Pradesh
12.	Maharashtra
13.	Mizoram
14.	Nagaland
15.	Orissa
16.	Punjab
17.	Rajasthan
18.	Sikkim
19.	Tamil Nadu
20.	Uttar Pradesh
21.	West Bengal

Powers of the boards of Indian Airlines and Air India to employ/remove top officials

1457. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether more powers have been given to the boards of Indian Airlines and Air India for employing and removing the top officials, and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) They enjoy the powers which are given to them under the law and rules and regulations.

(b) Does not arise.

Leasing of Aircraft to India By Mc-Donnel of US

1458. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to State.

(a) whether any proposals have been received from US based Mc Donnel Douglas for leasing out their aircraft to Air India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposal is still under consideration or has been rejected by Government; and

(d) in what manner these proposals compare with the Russian offers for leasing TU-154 and IL 2?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) No specific offer of lease of aircraft from McDonnel Douglas has been received. However, McDonnel Douglas in their offer for sale of MD-11 aircraft have indicated that to meet Air India's interim requirement during the period 1991-94, 3/4 MD-11 aircraft could be provided on lease from certain leasing companies

(c) and (d): Air India's Integrated Fleet Planning for acquisition of aircraft upto 1995-96 envisages, among other aircraft, MD-11. Air India has already got one IL-62M aircraft on lease and has no plans for a TU-154 aircraft at present.

Maintenance Facilities For Airlines of SAARC Member Countries

1459 SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state.

(a) whether Air India has offered maintenance facilities to the airlines of SAARC member countries